

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORKSESSION MINUTES
MAY 12, 2015**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, at 12:00 p.m. to continue deliberations for the FY2015-16 Recommended Budgets. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Ms. Summers provided the invocation. Mr. Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman	M. Todd Cullum, V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.	Paul L. Brigham, Jr.
M. Kent Collins	Debra B. Summers
Bobby C. Keisler	Phillip H. Yarborough
Ned R. Tolar	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Chris Folsom, Deputy County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and television stations, newspapers, posted on the County of Lexington website and bulletin board located in the lobby of the Lexington County Administration Building.

The Budget Worksession video for this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the Lexington County Video Web Portal at www.lex-co.sc.gov.

FY 2015 - 2016 Outside/Other Agency Requests - Unless otherwise noted, the following submittals are listed in the County Administrator's Recommended Budget to Council.

Midlands Technical College - Dr. Ronald L. Rhames, President - General Fund Recommended Budget Book 2 Pages 210-211 - Dr. Rhames presented Midlands Technical College's budget request and Power Point Presentation. He reported the College's budget submittal is \$3.6 million operating expenses (\$3,633,193), \$1 million for capital expenses (\$982,130) and \$500,000 for debt service (\$567,060).

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion. Discussion occurred with no action taken.

Riverfront Alliance - Col. Mike Dawson - Chief Executive Officer - Non-General Fund Recommended Budget Book 2 Page 108 - Col. Dawson presented the Alliance's budget request for \$51,000. He provided two posters outlining the proposed Three Rivers Greenway, 12,000 Year History Park and Saluda River Walk.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion. Discussion occurred with no action taken.

The Dickerson Center - Ms. Carol Yarborough - Executive Director - General Fund Recommended Budget Book 1 Page 8 - Ms. Yarborough presented the Center's budget submittal for \$40,000 and Power Point Presentation. The Dickerson Center's request was not listed as part of the County Administrator's recommended budget.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion.

Motion

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Tolar to recommend the Dickerson Center's request for \$40,000 be placed on the reconsideration list.

Discussion occurred on the funding received by the Dickerson Center from the Lexington Medical Center Foundation. Chairman Jeffcoat requested staff to contact the Lexington County Health Services District Board to be placed on their agenda. However, if Lexington Medical Center funds the \$40,000 request it will not be considered by the County.

In Favor:	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Tolar	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Brigham	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Yarborough	

Opposed: Mr. Keisler

Absent: Mr. Collins was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands - General Fund Recommended Budget Book 1 Page 8
- Requested amount \$15,000 - No representative present during the proceeding.

SC Small Business Development Centers - Mr. Pete Oliver, Area Manager - (Not listed in Recommended Budget Book) - Mr. Oliver presented the SC Small Business' request for \$8,000 and included a handout of their 2015 Annual Report for Council's review. The request was submitted after the deadline and not listed as part of the Administrator's recommended budget submittal.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion. Discussion occurred with no action taken.

USC/Columbia Technology Incubator - Mr. Bill Kirkland, Executive Director - Non-General Fund Recommended Budget Book 2 Page 108 - Mr. Kirkland and Ms. Laura Corder, Director of Communications and Program Manager, presented the Incubator's budget submittal of \$25,000 and provided a handout for Council's review. Already in Economic Development's recommended budget. Information only.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion. Discussion occurred with no action taken.

EngenuitySC - Ms. Meghan Hughes Hickman, Executive Director - Non-General Fund Recommended Budget Book 2 Page 108 - Ms. Hickman presented EngenuitySC's request for

\$25,000, a Power Point Presentation and handout of their 2014 Midlands Regional Competitiveness Report. Already in Economic Development's recommended budget. Information only.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion. Discussion occurred with no action taken.

Central SC Alliance - Mr. Mike Briggs - Non-General Fund Recommended Budget Book 2 - Page 108 - Mr. Briggs and Ms. Melissa Mimms, Director of Investor and Public Relations, presented the Alliance's FY15/16 budget request for \$105,000 and handouts titled "20 Years of Economic Development 1994-2014" and "Scope of Services." Already in Economic Development's recommended budget. Information only.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion. Discussion occurred with no action taken.

Accommodations Tax - Non-General Fund Recommended Budget Book 2 - Pages 115-116

Motion

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend full Council accept the recommendations presented.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Jeffcoat called recess for 10 minutes.

Chairman Jeffcoat reconvened the Budget Worksession.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Cullum said we need to amend the motion or vote on the motion as it stands.

Mr. Kinard withdrew his motion, Mr. Keisler withdrew his second.

Motion

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Collins to recommend full Council approve the following change in distribution:

Applicants	Amount
Capital City Lake Murray Country	\$93,495
Columbia Metro Convention/Visitor Bureau	\$10,000
West Metro Chamber of Commerce	\$14,200
Lexington Chamber of Commerce	\$11,200
Batesburg/Leesville Cham. of Comm.	\$8,000
Lexington County Recreation Softball Tournament	\$30,000
Riverbanks Zoo	\$35,000
Lexington County Museum	\$12,500

Chapin Chamber of Commerce	\$9,000
Columbia Regional Sports Council	\$10,000
Irmo/Chapin Recreation Commission	\$0
Lexington County Recreation & Aging - Tennis	\$20,000
Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce	\$10,600
LCAA/Village Square Theatre	\$2,072
South Carolina State Museum	\$0
Lexington Dixie Baseball - Youth World Series	\$12,500
Irmo/Chapin Recreation Commission-Sports Tourism	\$15,000
EdVenture Children's Museum	\$2,500
Total	\$296,067

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion.

Ms. Summers asked, based on what the Accommodations Tax Board proposed, was there a percentage used for the chambers or did we just choose new numbers.

Mr. Cullum said the reason behind it was to try to meet the Chambers' requests.

In Favor:	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Collins	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Brigham	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Yarborough
	Mr. Tolar	

Mr. Mergo reported the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and Sexual Trauma Services will present their budget requests at the next Budget Worksession on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk